

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2269
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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of fertilizers imported during each of the last three years and the increase of import each year during the said period;
- (b) whether the Government have tested the imported fertilizers; and
- (c) if so, the date-wise details and the result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under statutory price and movement control and whose imports are made on Government account to bridge the gap between the requirement and indigenous availability. The other major fertilizers namely DAP and MOP have been decontrolled since 24.08.1992. With the decanalisation of DAP w.e.f. 17.9.1992 and MOP w.e.f. 17.6.1993, the import of these fertilizers is being made on private trade account. The details of import of these fertilizers and its increase since 1998-99 onwards are as under:

Year	Urea Increase (LMT) over last year (%)	DAP Increase (LMT) over last year (%)	MOP Increase (LMT) over last year (%)
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1998-1999	5.56 -	21.05 44.18	25.70 35.26
1999-2000	5.33 -	32.68 55.25	28.98 12.76
2000-01	Nil -	8.60 -	25.68 -

Besides the above, fertilizer companies have also been permitted to import urea for their captive consumption.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. The details of samples of imported fertilizers tested and its results are as under:

Year	(Number of ships) Inspection size/moisture content	Deviation on account of particle
1998-1999	201 8	
1999-2000	269 4	
2000-2001	158 1	

There was no nutrient deficiency detected in any of the ships of imported fertilizers.